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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation 5 application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claim(s):

- 1 ↑ A method of communicating signals in a communications network, said
- 2 communication's network including one or more origination stations and a plurality of
- intermediate transmission stations, each said intermediate transmission station having a

receiver, at least one signal generator operatively connected to said receiver for

- generating and transferring a signal to a transmitter, an automatic control unit
- operatively connected to said signal generator, and a detector operatively connected to 6
- 7 said signal generator, said method comprising the steps of:



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[x] Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

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